

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WHY ALL AMERICANS SHOULD OPPOSE AN ATF NOMINEE WHO WANTS TO BAN THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I oppose the nomination of Steve Dettelbach to Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

Our right to meaningful self-defense, and the concomitant right to bear arms, was so important to the Founders that it preceded the right to due process, a speedy trial, and reasonable bail. That is how dangerous the Founders knew a tyrannical government could become. In order to protect those constitutional rights and those in the First Amendment—the right to speech, press, and assembly—citizens must have the means to do so.

And this right is not protected by the Constitution alone. It—and the very closely related right of self-defense—is a civil right as well—or a right that serves to guarantee America's foundational tenet of equality under the law.

All of President Biden's recent actions point to a very simple goal—he wants our guns. By taking our guns, he takes our right to self-defense. Coming at a time when crime is at record levels in most democrat-run cities, self-defense is not a theoretical discussion. The news is filled daily with citizens being attacked, raped, assaulted, maimed or otherwise hurt by assailants. Good people have the right and duty to defend themselves and their family. And, we have seen government overreach as well—tyrannical tendencies by the Biden Regime to imprison its political opponents and political dissidents. Currently almost 800 Americans have been arrested, many denied bail, for trespassing and other minor violations relating to January 6th, even though the favored criminals of the regime who looted, burned and murdered in the name of racial justice in 2020 walked away Scot free.

In a country that has enshrined the right to self-defense, the mere existence of the ATF is anathema to the Constitution. We have no government agency running roughshod over newspapers and radio stations seeking to “constrain” and “limit” the First Amendment. We have no government agency cracking down on the unbridled expectation and right to be secure in one's possessions. But we do have the ATF, whose mission is to violate a constitutional right.

The ATF recently and cleverly changed the definition of machine gun so that more guns would be considered illegal. ATF was caught red-handed recently compiling a registry of gun owners—an action explicitly contrary to federal law. And the DOJ just decided to serialize thousands and thousands more firearms and expand the registry already approaching one billion records.

The Biden administration wants there to be as big a paper trail as possible against those

wishing to exercise their constitutional right. And we know the ATF is making lists of gun owners who made legal purchases—and just announced plans to expand that list. Why would they need all this information? Because with more information, the easier it is to confiscate. The easier it is to blacklist. Citizens who oppose the regime have been added to secret lists in the hopes of prohibiting gun ownership. Without charges. Without a trial. And usually without notice. All of these ATF abuses are unconstitutional.

If Biden were serious about violent crime, he would be funding our police officers and rebuking Soros district attorneys for aiding and abetting violent criminals. Over 33 percent of first-time gun buyers in 2021 were women. Guns allow women to stand up to criminals who would otherwise overpower them.

The cure to rampant violent crime is well known by criminologists. Enforce the law. Every time. Throw violent thugs in jail for decades. Throw drug dealers in jail. For decades. Federal laws that did this in the 1990's worked wonders in reducing crime. The problem of violence is not an inanimate object. It is not a gun, a knife or a car that is to blame. It is always, always, in every instance, the operator of the gun, the knife or the car. Inanimate objects have no free will or ability to commit crimes. It is long past time we stop pretending they do. People are responsible for their own violent actions. The millions of law-abiding gun owners shall not be punished for the transgressions of the violent minority.

I am pursuing legislation in many areas to protect our right to defend ourselves from government. As the purpose of ATF's existence is to harass and criminalize gun ownership, it must be eliminated. I also support bills that codify a federal right to self-defense, prohibit the administration from criminalizing many legal guns owned by Americans for decades through crafty and illegal regulatory maneuvers, defund federal attempts to prop up state registries of gun ownership, and nullify all ATF regulations approved by this gun-grabbing administration.

The ATF nominee Dettelbach is of the apparent opinion that guns have free will and he blames the guns for violence. He is thus in favor of disarming as many people as possible. I have no confidence he will oppose Biden's radical agenda to destroy our Second Amendment, which is not only unconstitutional but immoral and a threat to democracy. I oppose his nomination and I urge all senators to oppose this radical and his usurpation of Constitutional rights.

LOGAN WYNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Logan Wynes

for earning the Best in Show—Honorable Mention Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As a first-time participant in the challenge, Logan built an app entitled “Carbon Calculators” to create a calculator to track an individual user's weekly carbon output as a way to decrease individual carbon output and ultimately encourage a carbon-neutral footprint.

Logan, an eleventh grader from Golden High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Logan Wynes for his hard work on this project. I am certain this student will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
LISA TROLAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Lisa Trolan, who retired from her work with General Dynamics Electric Boat, on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Trolan retires from a long, dedicated career that spans 35 years with Electric Boat. As a senior member of Electric Boat's Public Affairs team, Lisa welcomed thousands of visitors to the company's locations in Connecticut and Rhode Island and helped to highlight the skilled workforce of technological marvels produced by Electric Boat. In doing so, Lisa has acted as a staunch advocate for our community, representing a major employer within the region to attract businesses, suppliers, and employees alike.

A Groton, Connecticut native and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Lisa has lived out a destiny of nurturing the growth of the very community that raised her. These foundational values trace all the way back to her upbringing under her parents, Julio and Frances, who also served the town of Groton well through their longstanding, respective roles with Groton Utilities and the public school system. It is no coincidence that Electric Boat's Connecticut headquarters is in Groton. It is also no surprise that even in retirement, Lisa remains an active supporter of local civic organizations as well as the University of Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, Lisa's legacy with Electric Boat—one of excellence and commitment to its employees, the Navy and the Nation—is unrivaled. She has always prioritized giving back to her foundational roots and has played a direct part in adding oil to the economic engine that is Electric Boat. To that end, I ask

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that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Lisa Trolan on her well-earned retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SERVING IN SENSITIVE POSITIONS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to clarify certain due process rights of federal employees serving in sensitive positions. This bill would overturn an unprecedented federal court decision, *Kaplan v. Conyers and MSPB*, which stripped many federal employees of the right to independent review of an agency decision removing them from their jobs on grounds of ineligibility. The case was brought by two Department of Defense (DOD) employees, Rhonda Conyers, an accounting technician, and Devon Northover, a commissary management specialist, who were permanently demoted and suspended from their jobs after they were found to be no longer eligible to serve in noncritical sensitive positions. In 2014, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, which allowed the decision to stand. This bill is cosponsored by Representative ANDRÉ CARSON.

Specifically, the decision prevents federal employees who are designated as "noncritical sensitive" from appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board if they are removed from their jobs. Noncritical sensitive jobs include those that do not have access to classified information. The decision affects at least 200,000 DOD employees who are designated as noncritical sensitive. Even more seriously, most federal employees could potentially lose the same right to an independent review of an agency's decision because of a rule by the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that permits agency heads to designate most jobs in the federal government as noncritical sensitive, which went into effect in July 2015.

The *Kaplan* decision undercuts Title 5, section 7701 of the Civil Service Act, which ensures due process rights for federal workers required by the U.S. Constitution. Stripping employees whose work does not involve classified matters of the right of review of an agency decision that removes them from their jobs opens entirely new avenues for unreviewable, arbitrary action or retaliation by an agency head and, in addition, makes a mockery of whistleblower protections enacted in the 112th Congress. This bill would stop the use of "national security" to undo a vital component of civil service protection and of due process.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN LADD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and accomplishments of

Norman Ladd of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. Norman passed on from this life at age 84 years on March 21, 2022. He dedicated a total of 65 years to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Norman Ladd was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 11, 1937. He attended Macomber High School and graduated in 1955. Not long after, he began his apprenticeship with his local IBEW, Local 8. During his time with the IBEW, he served as treasurer, assistant business manager, and administrator of the Health and Wellness plan.

In the 1980's, Norman was elected the Executive Secretary of the Northwest Ohio Building Trades. He also served on the Toledo Zoning Board of Appeals, and more recently he sat on the Sylvania Zoning Board of Appeals.

As Adlai Stevenson II once said, "Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Norman Ladd lived a life of dedication and passion, always ready to lend a hand when needed.

Today, we mourn his passing, and offer our deepest condolences to his wife and children. May they find some small measure in his legacy and the gift of his life to his family, friends, fellow tradesmen and women, and our community at large. Norm was a builder of family and community through good and rough times. His commitment and vigilance helped carry us forward together. May his life and works inspire others to emulate his goodwill and accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING STAN KELLY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stan Kelly of Winston-Salem and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement as CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership. With his departure from this position, he leaves the entire Piedmont region revitalized and ripe for North Carolina's next chapter in modern industry.

Stan began his distinguished career as a personal banker with Wachovia National Bank, a North Carolina-based financial institution. His industrious work ethic, charismatic personality, and keen intellect propelled him to the position of President of Wachovia's wealth management division in 2001. When Wachovia was acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in 2008, Stan was selected as the bank's regional president for the Carolinas. In this role, he ensured the brand transition from Wachovia to Wells Fargo was seamless for employees and clients, alike. His region of more than 450 branches consistently overperformed company expectations in customer service ratings, employee retention, and market share. Stan retired from Wells Fargo in 2014, leaving the company well-positioned for future success in the region.

In 2015, however, Stan was called out of retirement when the Piedmont Triad Partnership selected him as its President and CEO. For over 30 years, the Piedmont Triad Partnership has served as the region's umbrella organization for economic development and has

worked arduously to promote transformational commercial growth and success in the heart of North Carolina. The Partnership has been instrumental in building upon the Piedmont's proud history of agriculture, textiles, and furniture to facilitate new, robust sectors of industry including aviation and automotive manufacturing, as well as the emerging sector of regenerative medicine.

As President and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership, Stan again proved himself a remarkable leader. Under his direction, the Partnership launched the Carolina Core brand, a regional initiative to highlight existing infrastructure and develop industrial potential along the future 1-685 corridor. Regional leaders have united with Stan in promoting this economic engine capable of powering the Piedmont into the future. Stan's efforts in developing the Carolina Core have already been instrumental in attracting over 30 thousand new jobs in just five years.

Stan's other accomplishments extend far beyond financial services and economic development. Through various roles, such as Chair of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University and the Winston-Salem Foundation, he has studiously worked to give back to his local community and state. Earlier this month, he was honored with North Carolina's most prestigious civic award: The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Despite all of Stan's accomplishments, however, he is undoubtedly most proud of his loving family: his wife, their daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Stan Kelly for his invaluable contributions to the Piedmont Triad region and the state of North Carolina. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING FES SECURITY FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE'S COMMUNITIES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize FES Security as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. In April 1972, Frank Whitley started Frank's Electrical Service to meet the electrical needs of his community. Frank enlisted the help of his son, Dale, on the weekends and the work inspired Dale to earn a degree in electronics so he could help run the family business.

Frank and Dale soon noticed a growing demand for home security, so Dale took the lead in getting Frank's Electrical Service involved in the industry. This was a wise decision. The business quickly switched to specializing in home security and was rebranded as FES Security in the process.

Dale Whitley, now the owner of FES Security, is building on the successes of the company his father started. The business keeps up with modern technological advancements and FES Security offers digital security systems, products that are controllable through mobile devices, and cameras with video recording capabilities. The company also offers fire and gate systems, as well as home theatre and surround sound installation.

Although the scope of FES Security's work evolved throughout the years, its commitment

to East Tennesseans stays the same. Dale and the folks at FES Security pride themselves on the fact that monitoring rates have not increased once throughout the business's history, and they continuously strive to provide the kind of high-quality customer service you can always expect in East Tennessee.

Congratulations to everyone at FES Security for making this family-owned and operated business a success. I thank them for their work to provide important security services to our community.

NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR—HONORABLE MENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for earning the Rookie of the Year—Honorable Mention Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Northglenn High School built an app entitled "School Club Finder" to help students discover the extracurricular activities at their school.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE TRICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the tricentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire. First known as the Chestnut County, the name was later shortened to Chester after Cheshire County, England, whose county seat is Chester.

Based in one of the thirteen original colonies, Chester is one of the oldest towns in America and its history is tied to that of the entire nation. Throughout the post-Revolutionary and the Civil War eras, Chester supplied housing and goods for many fellow New Englanders and Americans. Beyond its cultural impact, Chester has also given the State of New Hampshire three governors, three senators, a chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and so much more.

Chester reached its population low of just over 650 residents during the early 20th century, but over the past 100 years, that number has grown to more than 5,000 residents. This quick growth is a testament to the charm and character of Chester, and I am confident that this town will continue to prosper for generations to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Chester on this incredible milestone. I look forward to a continued partnership with Chester and its residents who I am proud to represent in Congress.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS J. JENKINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Thomas J. Jenkins upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement upon more than twenty years of tireless service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Lt Col Jenkins distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service while assigned to the 193d Special Operations Squadron. During this period, he served as the pilot section supervisor and flight commander, managing over sixty (60) aviators' combat readiness, and recruited twenty-nine (29) rated officers, enhancing the group's longevity. Additionally, he excelled through aircraft commander, instructor, and evaluator pilot upgrades in minimum time, and actively trained and evaluated special operations pilots—ensuring the safety and effectiveness of flying operations.

Throughout his career, Colonel Jenkins compiled over four thousand total flight hours in the MC-130W, AC-130W, C-130E/H, and EC-130J airframes. He flew eight hundred (800) hours as an instructor pilot, and totaled over seven hundred (700) career combat sorties, fifteen hundred (1500) combat hours, and forty-four (44) combat support sorties. He deployed and served as an aircraft commander, director of operations, and an expeditionary squadron commander on the EC-130J Commando Solo in support of operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

Colonel Jenkins' professionalism, expertise, and dynamic leadership contributed immeasurably to the overall mission effectiveness of the 193d Special Operations Group. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Jenkins culminate a distinguished career in the service of our Country and reflect great credit upon himself, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force. I wish him Godspeed as he embarks on his next adventure.

HONORING 75 YEARS OF CINE EL REY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Cine El Rey, which has provided outstanding entertainment to South Texans for 75 years.

Cine El Rey opened its doors in 1947 and is one of the longest-running entertainment venues in the nation. Cine El Rey has hosted a variety of entertainment events over the last 75 years, ranging from film screenings and concerts to wrestling events, and propelled the careers of many South Texas artists.

Established during segregation, Cine El Rey was the only place where Latinos could watch movies in McAllen, Texas. Today, it is a hallmark of Hispanic entertainment. Cine El Rey is the only privately-owned National Historic Landmark representative of Hispanic Culture in America.

In 2020, like many entertainment venues across the country, Cine El Rey was forced to close its doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, with the support of our community and dedication of its owner, Burt Guerra, Cine El Rey has reopened and again offers the live entertainment it is so fondly known for.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to celebrate the 75 years that Cine El Rey has been open and entertaining our community, and I look forward to celebrating many more years.

HONORING THE TX-03 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the 2021–2022 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) as the sixteenth year of the program draws to a close.

Over the past year, students in grades 9th through 12th from public, private, and home schools across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my youth program as they learned firsthand about our representative democracy. From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community both inside and outside of the program.

Over the course of the school year, students assembled on multiple occasions and had the unique opportunity to explore the roles of community leaders, engage in policy discussions, and offer innovative solutions to issues of the day. In addition to attending interactive information sessions, these young leaders capitalized on their experience by completing various assignments and offering feedback on current events which corresponded with our meetings.

These students consistently impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful and constructive dialogue,

even when their opinions differed from one another. It is a reminder that when we come to the table with a desire to improve and a willingness to listen, there is nothing our nation can't achieve.

Now, as we conclude the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am filled with unwavering confidence that this next generation of solutions-minded leaders will work towards ushering our country to greatness.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for their steadfast commitment to this program and for their efforts to make our community stronger. It has been an honor to know them and serve them in Congress, and I look forward to seeing what each of them accomplish as they go forward.

Esther Abiog, Humza Ahmad, Rundransh Arora, Grant Barta, Zain Blair-Roberts, Ainsley Burkes, Neha Chand, Kaitlyn Compton, Kennedy Eagleton, Veronica Fang, Lawrence Gardner, Kendall Gee, Forest Haviland, Peyton Herbert, Victoria Hinnant, Chau Hua, Ishaan Joshi, Keeten Levin, Cassie Liu, Mansi Lohtia, Fardis Mohiuddin, Jordyn Morgan, Arshia Narula, Gikonyo Njendu, Jimmy O'Brien, Sharon Odhiambo, Shayan Parikh, Dhanish Parimalakumar, Nikolas Parker, Tyler Primeaux, Pranavi Reddi, Michael Tallman, Colin Wanek, Danielle Wang, Jedaiah Ward, Luke Yeary, Grace Zou.

NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL BEST IN SHOW AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for earning the Best in Show Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn High School built an app entitled "Pastelia Development" which is a social media app that promotes positivity.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sarah Siegel, Giovanni Rodriguez and Benjamin Lange for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF GEORGE CROUSE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and praise the career of George Crouse, of Stonington, Connecticut.

The head coach of the Stonington High School girl's tennis team, George has recently been named a recipient for this year's Gold Key Award, a prestigious honor that celebrates icons in Connecticut athletics. As a coach at Stonington for nearly 50 years, Crouse, with the support of his athletes, has steered his teams to victory time and time again, proving his determination, work ethic, and irreplaceable coaching methods. It is no exaggeration when I say that George is a monumental pillar in not just the success of Stonington High School's tennis team, but the entire Stonington community.

A former student of the class of 1960 himself, George Crouse has represented Stonington High School and southeastern Connecticut impressively well. A truly dedicated steward to Stonington, it was not long after his graduation that he returned to Stonington High to begin his career in coaching in the fall of 1973, first as the boy's tennis coach before transitioning to the coach for the girl's team in 1987. George was also a long-time teacher at Stonington High—having racked up 37 years in the social studies department. In addition to his teaching and coaching careers, George has always sought to increase his role in supporting the Stonington community, even serving a stint as the town's first selectman. Through his numerous and renowned careers in the area, George has been an enduring force of moral fortitude for Stonington, impressing upon the town's youngest generation the value of community spirit.

George's experiences as a high school teacher and as First Selectman have helped reinforce the qualities that have made him a prodigious coach. George is kind but firm, wise but humble. He takes his students seriously and coaches them in ways that will help each succeed. His tenure and track record of well more than 800 career victories for boys' and girls' tennis are evidence enough of his natural leadership and passion for inspiring the best in others. However, his 2019 reception of the National High School Coach of the Year makes the record clear. This year's Gold Key Award is yet another well-deserved notch in his belt.

Clearly, George's legacy as a coach for the Stonington Bears is one to be emulated. His team is currently 5–0 overall and has three state championships and eight class tournament championships under its belt. For his distinguished career, the tennis courts at Stonington High have already been dedicated in his name. Even so, he remains as humble as ever; thanking his players for getting him to where he is, including his own four children—Maggie, Liz, Ann, and George.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent a district that is comprised of such hard-working and community-oriented individuals like George. As the Congressman for Stonington, I have had a chance to see up close his passion for the town and I can attest he is true public servant. A wise teacher, a confident leader, and a passionate coach, George has exemplified to his own town, our state and our Nation the boundless limits of what can be accomplished when a community sticks together. I am confident that there are very few that are more deserving of the Gold Key Award as much as George, and that he will continue to raise the bar for Stonington High School. George is joined by his wife Ann and their four

children in celebrating this major milestone for the family and the school. As he continues to make history as coach at Stonington High School, I, along with countless others, excitedly await the new milestones that he is bound to achieve. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring George Crouse for his unsurpassable coaching career, further extending the legacy of his actions.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT ROY DELAUTER

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the service of Sergeant Roy "Buddy" Charles DeLauter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during the Korean War.

A resident of Smithsburg, Maryland, Sgt. DeLauter bravely answered the call to defend the values of democracy and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948.

On December 1, 1950, Sgt. DeLauter was tragically killed in action. Like many fallen service members of foreign wars, his remains could not be easily recovered and returned. For over 70 years, his family was deprived of the closure America's Gold Star families so rightly deserve.

Credit to the tireless efforts of his loved ones, Sgt. DeLauter was finally brought home this week to Hagerstown. Friday, he was given a proper burial with full military honors.

By all accounts, Sgt. DeLauter was an exemplar of the Army's core values: loyalty, duty, respect, personal courage, honor, integrity, and selfless service. To his family, the same.

We are forever indebted to Sgt. DeLauter and his family for their service to this Nation.

HONORING THE LIVES OF AMERICAN WORKERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Workers Memorial Day to pay tribute to the workers across Ohio and America whose lives were taken from us far too soon.

Every day, hardworking truck drivers, steelworkers, teachers, postal workers, nurses, police officers, firefighters, electricians, construction workers, bus drivers, and so many more go to work to make, build, and grow America. It is through their efforts that America moves forward.

Tragically, many workers never return to their families at the end of the day. The immense void their absence leaves behind in the hearts of their loved ones and communities can never be filled.

As a society, we have a sacred obligation and a moral responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who labor to build up America. In acting on this mission, we must support the labor unions who day in and day

out uplift the Middle Class and assure dignity for workers. We must also hold to account those whose reckless disregard endangers the lives and wellbeing of workers.

While progress has been made, there is still much more to be done. The loss of even one worker is one loss too many. Congress and the Administration must recommit itself to delivering the reforms that vigorously protect workers from harm, in every workplace across America, each and every day.

On this solemn day, may the memories of those lost be lifted up in remembrance, and may their legacies of service be cherished forevermore.

HONORING MS. KAYING YANG ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Ms. KaYing Yang for being appointed to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders by President Joseph R. Biden. On February 14, 2022, Ms. Yang was sworn in as one of 25 commissioners, bringing a variety of personal and professional experience and expertise to the President's commission.

The daughter of May Yia Yang, a farm girl, and Chia Chu Yang, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the CIA's Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) during the Secret War in Laos, Ms. Yang was among the first Hmong women to graduate from college in the United States in the mid-1980s. She earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. For more than two decades, Ms. Yang has been a passionate advocate for social justice who has built and led campaigns to address community issues locally, nationally and globally including her very important work to support gender equity, education opportunity, and advocacy for refugee families.

When she was just 25 years old, Ms. Yang became the executive director of the Women's Association of Hmong and Lao (WAHL), one of the first two women's organizations founded by Hmong-American women in Minnesota. Later she served as executive director of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), the oldest national advocacy organization for refugees who resettled in the United States from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam after 1975. During this time Ms. Yang worked with various international development groups in Laos including the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to resettle 15,000 Hmong refugees to the United States and other countries, and later aided Karen refugees with resettlement on the Thai-Burma border.

In 2008, she began working for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to advance policies to improve the investment climate for private sector investment in Laos. While in Laos, she founded the first Hmong women's organization to ensure development resources

reached minority women and people who moved from remote areas to urban areas.

After her return to Minnesota, Ms. Yang worked for the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL), and led a broad cross-racial coalition to pass the All Kids Count Act in Minnesota in 2016, a bill which requires that students' ethnicity be included in data collected to enable policy makers to direct resources to the most impacted communities. She was also instrumental to passing legislation in 2017 that created a nonprofit grant program for small nonprofits led by leaders of color that serve historically underserved communities.

Ms. Yang and her fellow commissioners advise the President on ways the public, private, and non-profit sectors can work together to advance equity and opportunity for every AANHPI community. The Commission also advises on policies to address anti-Asian hate, xenophobia and violence—timely work given the recent rise in violence against our Asian-American neighbors. Further, they will find ways to build capacity in AANHPI communities through federal grantmaking and policies to address barriers facing AANHPI women, LGBTQ+ people, and people with limited English proficiency and disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the phenomenal work Ms. KaYing Yang and congratulating her on this appointment to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Since finding refuge with her family in America at the age of 7, Ms. Yang has exhibited outstanding devotion to improving the lives of members of the Hmong and Asian-American communities.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL A. FINNEY, PRESIDENT, AND CEO OF THE MIAMI-DADE BEACON COUNCIL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Michael A. Finney. Michael was a pillar in the business community in Miami-Dade County and known around the country for his ability to conduct business and spur economic growth. On a personal level, Michael was a dear friend and I will always cherish the time we spent together and the projects that we worked on for the people of Miami-Dade County during my tenure as Mayor. Lourdes and I send our prayers to his wife and children, Gina, Michael Jr., Marcus, and Austin.

Known by many as an "intellectual," Michael was brilliant, and more importantly, a deeply caring person. He dedicated his life to serving communities from his time in Michigan to his time in Miami-Dade County. One of his many initiatives, Miami Community Ventures, sought to help individuals from low-income neighborhoods and pair them with employers to help them earn a living wage. This is just one example of how Michael wanted to bring economic prosperity to everyone he could reach.

Michael was an incredible businessman and embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit. He helped navigate the largest municipal re-

structuring of debt in the United States during his time in Michigan and played a key role in Miami-Dade's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although he was not an elected official, he was truly a public servant.

The Miami-Dade County community will mourn the loss of Michael A. Finney; husband, father, grandfather, friend, and businessman.

GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for earning the Rookie of the Year Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Golden High School built an app entitled "Peridos" to assist and provide a safe space for female students to track their menstrual cycles as well as include other helpful resources and information for its users.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nia Napuli, Kyra Jordan, Berlin Sandberg, and Vanessa Haggard for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 25, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would apply the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (DCHRA) to employees of the local D.C. courts and of the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS). In February, the D.C. Court of Appeals held in *Robertson v. District of Columbia* that the DCHRA, which protects employees of the D.C. government and of private employers from discrimination, does not apply to employees of the local D.C. courts. The court has not ruled on the applicability of the DCHRA to PDS employees.

The local D.C. courts and PDS are unique entities, and they sometimes fall through the regulatory cracks. They are neither federal nor D.C. government entities, though both were created and are funded by Congress, and their employees are treated as federal employees for some employee benefits. This bill

would ensure that their employees have comprehensive protections from and remedies for employment discrimination.

While employees of the local D.C. courts and of PDS are protected by federal anti-discrimination laws, the DCHRA provides much broader protections and remedies for employees than federal anti-discrimination laws.

While the D.C. Council may have the authority to pass such a bill itself, only Congress has the clear authority to do so, given the express limitations in the D.C. Home Rule Act on the Council's authority to legislate on matters affecting the local D.C. courts, and given that Congress has generally served as the legislative body for PDS.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Julianna Michelle Childs, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District

of New York, Ana Isabel de Alba, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Natasha C. Merle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges.

SR-232A

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on recent developments in China's nuclear capabilities.

SVC-217

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine investments today for a more competitive tomorrow, focusing on building on a strong foundation.

WEBEX

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SR-418

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

APRIL 28

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 977, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-

producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nomination of S. Lane Tucker, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Linda L. Fagan, to be Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy); to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of David Applegate, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior, and Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-192

MAY 4

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and Bruce I. Turner, of Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419/VTC